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Members of the public encouraged to air concerns and issues

Report by **Henry James**

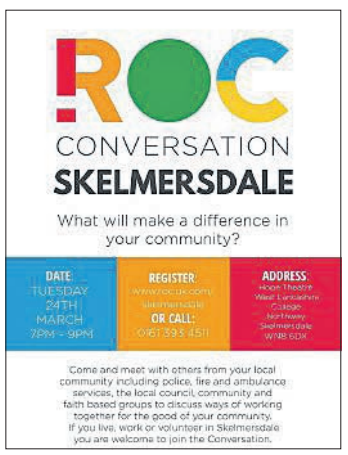
OFFICERS from Skelmersdale Police will team up with colleagues from the Lancashire Fire and Rescue and North West Ambulance services, local council representatives and community and faith-based groups at a special event to discuss ways of working together effectively to create a 'safer town to live in, work and visit.'

This will be held in the Hope Theatre at West Lancashire College, Northway on Tuesday, March 24 starting at 7pm. It is expected to last around two hours.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend, along with people who live, work or volunteer in West Lancashire, to discuss any issues they face and how all can work together for the good of the community. However places must be registered prior to the event by calling 0161 393 451.

Geographic inspector of West Lancashire Police, Ellie Kanoun, said: "It's important that we work with the local community to find out what their key issues are and look at ways of working together to resolve them."

Geographic inspector of West Lancashire Police, Ellie Kanoun,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If you live, work or volunteer in Skelmersdale you are welcome to join the Conversation.

Local residents are invited to attend the community event.

And Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, added: "I am committed to listening and engaging with the public to understand their concerns and issues and ensure that Lancashire Police is meeting their needs.

"A lot of the concerns that the people of Lancashire raise with me are not isolated to policing and often touch upon other issues including the health service and other local authorities.

"That is why events like this are crucial, bringing partners together and offering the best opportunity to tackle some of the issues that are raised."

Priorities

West Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper commented: "With continued relentless funding cuts to services it is vital that the police continue to work closely with the community so that they can provide a reliable service that residents have confidence in.

"I will continue to campaign in Parliament for adequate funding for our police, ambulance and fire and rescue services, while I encourage community groups and residents to engage with events such as these to ensure you can say what your priorities are and what you need from each of the services."

Members of the public are urged to raise matters that concern a number of services, as this will not be an exclusive police drop-in.

Warning to dog owners after family pet is killed in attack

A SKELMERSDALE couple are warning dog owners in the town to be on their guard after their pet was fatally injured after being attacked by two Staffordshire Bull Terrier-type dogs.

The attack took place on Saturday, February 8 as Denise Hudson was walking the family's nine-year-old cavapoo silky cross, Roxy, in the Spencer's Lane/Ormskirk Road area at around 10.15am.

Now Mrs Hudson's husband, Nigel, is urging other local dog-owners to be vigilant when exercising their pets.

The Hudsons' pet Roxy which was attacked by two Staffordshire Bull Terrier-types.

He said: "Unfortunately our beloved Roxy died at the scene within minutes of the attack. We had her for nine-and-a-half years and we are devastated by this.

"My wife was mortified and in a state of shock after it happened. Fortunately we live nearby, and I was able to go and bring her home.

"The police have been informed and the council is investigating the information we have given them.

"We would urge all dog owners to stay vigilant when walking their dogs in the area as these two dogs are vicious and unmuzzled and will attack. We wouldn't like this to happen to anyone else's pet.

"If a dog needs a muzzle, it should be wearing one."

A spokesman for West Lancs Council told the Champion: "The council can confirm that this incident has been reported to us and we are investigating."

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Man charged with burglary and assault

A 29-year-old man has been charged with burgling a house in Aughton and assaulting the resident.

Dean Spencer, of Hawthorne Road, Bootle, appeared at Preston Magistrates Court on February 8. He gave no indication of pleas and was remanded in custody to appear at Preston Crown Court on March 10. The alleged offences took place at an address in Delph Lane on Wednesday, February 5.

Pupils take part in 'Inside Out Day' to raise awareness of mental health

Pupils at Burscough Bridge Methodist Primary School on Inside Out Day.

ANYONE spotting local primary school pupils looking less than their usual well turned-out selves could be forgiven for thinking they had forgotten how to get dressed - but they would be mistaken!

In fact, the youngsters at Burscough Bridge Methodist Primary were taking part in a national initiative to highlight the importance of mental health.

The first-ever Inside Out Day, part of Children's Mental Health Week, encouraged them to wear an item of clothing 'inside out' as a way of making us all stop and think about how someone may look OK on the outside but inside they may be feeling sad or worried.

Headteacher, Mrs Tyrer, said: "The children discussed how important words can be - once spoken they can't be retrieved - and the importance of being kind with our actions and our words.

"The day raised awareness that mental health is as important as healthy bodies.

"The children continued the school day wearing their uniform inside out and all ages took part in a fitness session run by Mr Schofield from the Lancashire School Sports Partnership.

"And while Inside Out Day was about raising awareness rather than fundraising, our staff, children and families raised money to support the If You Care Share Foundation, a charity that supports emotional wellbeing among young people."

Red for go!

THERAPY and nursing staff at Southport and Ormskirk hospitals are trialling the use of red walking frames to help older patients get back on their feet and reduce the chance of them having a fall.

The red walking frames are easier to see than their grey alternatives and the trust hopes that this simple, practical change will help patients to get moving and keep moving during a hospital stay.

After a month-long trial, if the red frames have helped reduce falls, they may be rolled out across both hospitals.

Head of Older People's Care, Meg Langley, said: "This is one of several practical measures we are trying out to help our older patients get back on their feet as quickly as possible. Our fantastic teams are enthusiastically embracing these ideas, and we hope to see positive results very quickly."

Hospital staff with the new red walking frames.

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MP assured that development at former sports centre site is finally set to get underway

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancs MP Rosie Cooper has finally received assurance from Gleeson Homes that work on the proposed housing development at the old Skelmersdale Sports Centre site is to get underway.

The site, which has lain vacant since the demolition of the burnt-out sports centre in 2013, has had planning permission since 2017 but disagreement over asbestos contamination on the site between Gleeson Homes and West Lancs Council has delayed any progress.

However, Gleeson have confirmed to Ms Cooper that they do now have a strategy for asbestos remediation approved by the local contaminated land officer and say work on site should start 'imminently.'

The site of the Gleeson Homes development. This is a picture taken by the Champion last August

Rosie Cooper said: "I am pleased to receive this assurance that progress will be made on this vacant site which has stalled for the past year, and had restrictive fencing erected around it.

"Residents will be pleased to receive clarity on the future of the site, which Gleeson say will provide low-cost housing for people on low incomes, improving the housing offer for residents across Skelmersdale.

"Local residents will be particularly relieved that any asbestos-related concerns have now been dealt with.

"The council may also be in line for some further payment under a unilateral undertaking, which would mean Gleeson pay part of their future revenue from the site to the council, which can then be invested back into local facilities and amenities.

"I will continue to monitor progress on the site and look forward to seeing its development and completion."

Officers' 'yes' to Ashurst 'affordable' homes plan despite residents' concerns

OFFICERS at West Lancashire Borough Council have recommended to approve, subject to conditions, plans to build two-storey blocks to provide eight two-bedroom flats and six three-bedroom houses at Ashurst.

The proposals will be put before the council's planning committee tomorrow (Thursday, February 20).

The site is near the north and east of Fairstead, to the south of Houghtons Road and to the west of Birch Green Road.

The application states that the properties would be affordable residential units and parking will be provided through private and communal parking spaces.

The apartments access would be off Fairstead and a new cul de sac would serve the dwellings.

Communal parking spaces in the application have been increased to 33, and there has been an increase between the proposed and existing apartment blocks.

● **Above: A computer generated image of what the proposed development will look like.**

Impact

Local residents have raised their concerns to the proposal and they have included the following points: loss of parking and lack of replacement parking; existing parking is inadequate; loss of open space; open space should be protected and brownfield sites developed; loss of wildlife such as hedgehogs; and that the statement of transport is incorrect.

After the plans were amended the council has received two further letter of objection from residents. They were concerned that the reduction and relocation of parking spaces will have an impact on those people with mobility issues and who have blue badges.

They also stated there had been no consideration for wildlife, or to repair the local pathways which they claim "are in a terrible state of repair."

In a report for Thursday's meeting, the councils director of place and community, Heidi McDougall, has looked at the loss of open space and states: "There is adequate provision of alternative public open space in the locality."

She adds that the application site open space is poor quality and that they were satisfied that it "does not need to be retained as public open space to meet local needs."

Ms McDougall also looked at the siting, layout and design of the application and wrote the proposed layout offers a "legible scheme" with a clear route for vehicle and pedestrian movement.

They also looked at trees and said the initiative is acceptable from both a landscaping and an ecological perspective.

Looking at the relationships between the proposed properties and the surrounding residential development, Ms McDougall is satisfied that the proposed layout "accommodates the required interface distances."

The Highway Authority has raised no objections to the proposal and Ms McDougall is satisfied that the development "would not result in the loss of existing parking spaces in the locality."

As part of the proposal an ecological assessment has been submitted and the Environmental Advisory Service (MEAS) believe the conclusions are satisfactory.

Siesta Coffee has signed a 10-year lease with the Concourse.

Coffee shop group agree 10-year lease for new outlet at Concourse

SKELMERSDALE could soon have its very own blend of coffee when a new coffee shop opens at the Concourse shopping centre.

Siesta Coffee is to open an outlet in the town after agreeing a 10-year lease for unit 110, a 1,343 sq. ft. space on the ground floor of the centre, adjacent to pizza giant Domino's.

Father and son directors, Gary and Ryan Stainsby, said they are excited to bring the brand to Skelmersdale complementing their existing coffee shops in New Aycliffe, Bootle New Strand Station in Liverpool, and Peterlee, which is due to open in the spring/summer.

Ryan said: "The new shop heralds another exciting chapter in the growth story of Siesta Coffee and we're looking forward to bringing our unique blends to the Concourse shopping centre.

"We will be manufacturing our own beans at the Aycliffe site, using our very own designated roaster, and we will be rolling out signature pieces and touches for every branch, so it will be a unique experience wherever you go."

News of Siesta Coffee's arrival comes just weeks after Poundland opened a bigger store in the centre, cementing its commitment to retailing in the town.

Fit-out is expected to start immediately on transforming the unit into a coffee shop, with an anticipated opening in the spring.

Centre manager, Gary Mitchell, said: "It's great to welcome another great leisure facility to the Concourse shopping centre, on top of the growing retail offer here, and it's good news for our customers. We're looking forward to welcoming Siesta Coffee."

Topical theme at U3A meeting

GUEST speaker John Herbert will give a talk entitled 'Flooding in West Lancashire' at the next monthly meeting of the Skelmersdale U3A group to be held at the refurbished Ecumenical Centre, Northway on Thursday, February 20, starting at 2.15pm.

This is an important time of the year for the group with membership renewals due next month and nominations for the new committee considered.

The group is also keen to recruit new members. For more information visit www.u3asites.org.uk/skelmersdale/home or call 01695 729998.

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Research centre on safeguarding in sport opens at university

Focus will be on the prevention of abuse, exploitation and maltreatment of participants

A 'WORLD-leading' research centre on safeguarding in sport has been opened at Edge Hill University.

The new Centre for Child Protection and Safeguarding in Sport (CPSS) will focus on the prevention of abuse, exploitation and maltreatment in sport and will promote the positive welfare of those who take part.

At the inaugural conference Karen Leach, who hoped to swim in the Olympics for Ireland, talked about the sexual, emotional, physical and mental abuse she was subjected to by her coach from the age of 10.

Speaking at the launch, which attracted more than 80 delegates from organisations including the NSPCC, Sport England and the European Commission, Karen questioned how much the world of sport had changed since her childhood and highlighted the approach of the 2020 Summer Olympics.

"We've got the Olympics coming this year, is anyone talking about safeguarding? No, it's all about winning. I don't think that's acceptable anymore. Children are still being abused, it has not gone away, it is real, it is happening today in 2020.

"It's time for change. "I have great hopes for this centre, that we can do so much in the world of safeguarding and in the world of sport to help others."

Dr Mike Hartill.

The centre is the product of nearly 20 years of research and a diverse range of expertise on athlete welfare, safeguarding in sport and more is provided by its cross-departmental team which includes Dr Mike Hartill and Dr Melanie Lang, centre director and assistant director respectively.

Dr Hartill explained that the centre will aim to improve the quality and extend the quantity of research evidence in this field, for the benefit of those who play sport and those who deliver, manage and govern sport.

He said: "We intend to build on the many relationships we have established over the past two decades and we very much look forward to building new national and international partnerships and collaborations.

"Our launch event attracted a number of individuals with personal experience of abuse in sport, as well as police officers, local authority officers, national governing bodies in sport and representatives from professional sport organisations.

"It illustrated some of the international collaborations and projects we are already involved in as well as our persistent focus on working with those who have experienced abuse, harassment or exploitation in sport, as children or adults."

Dr Lang added: "CPSS members have won prizes for their research, advocacy and professional activities. Collectively, this combination of cutting-edge knowledge, professional contacts and high-quality research and consultancy will enable CPSS to make a significant and sustained contribution to the welfare of children and adults in and beyond sport."

County council pledges more investment for roads, buses and libraries

...but authority's share of council tax bill to rise by 3.99%

Report by **Henry James**

A PACKAGE of measures to improve roads, bus services and libraries has been announced by Lancashire County Council as the authority set its budget for the coming financial year.

However, residents will see a jump in their council tax bills, with the county increasing its share of the levy by 3.99 percent from April, two percent of which is ring-fenced for social care.

An extra £5m is to be invested into the county's road network, and £1m will be spent on additional signage and markings to keep roads safe.

There will also be extra investment in the bus network, with £1.5m to be spent next year, rising to £3m recurrently from 2021/22 to help the reinstatement of services.

Libraries are set to benefit from a £500,000 investment in new books next year, while the Armed Forces Covenant Hub, which provides help and support for veterans, will also receive £100,000 to enable it to continue to run once its funding ceases in the summer.

A further £2.7m over the next four years will be invested to support youngsters with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND). Additional staff will be recruited to bring the council's resources in this area into the upper quartile of comparable local authorities.

Parish councils will also be able to claim up to £500 from the county council towards clearing and cleaning up rights of way, to ensure people are able to get out and about and enjoy the county's beautiful countryside.

Councillor Geoff Driver: "This budget shows how the council is committed to the issues which residents feel strongly about."

A commitment was also made to support extra care schemes for older people in the county and carry out a review to see how care leavers could be supported in the appropriate accommodation.

The measures were approved at a meeting of the council's full council on Thursday, February 13.

County leader, County Councillor Geoff Driver, said: "This budget shows how the council is committed to the issues which residents feel strongly about. We know that people want to see extra investment in the county's roads, library services and bus services.

"I am also pleased that money will be used to support our museums in Briercliffe and Helmshore, as well as veterans through our commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant. We aim to make Lancashire the best place in the UK for members of the armed forces community to live.

"As a council we are committed to supporting the most vulnerable, with money being used to support children and young people with SEND and care leavers, as well as extra funding going to adult social care.

"In 2017, we faced a deficit of £200m, which meant we had to take some big decisions. Whilst we still have a lot of work to do, we have managed to put the council on a solid and sustainable financial base, which means that we can now invest in important council services for the benefit of Lancashire people."

Based on the current forecast, the council says it will not need to use any financial reserves to support its revenue budget in 2020/21.

According to the most-likely funding scenario, the authority says its funding gap is forecast to be £33.299m by 2023/24, a significant reduction from the previous forecast of £65m by 2022/23.

Labour councillor accuses Conservative administration of building a 'war chest' ahead of next year's county elections

A SKELMERSDALE Labour county councillor has accused the Conservative-led administration of "building up a council tax war chest" following the announcement of a 3.99% increase in the authority's share of the levy for the coming year.

Skelmersdale North Councillor Neil Furey commented: "Last year Conservative-controlled Lancashire County Council increased council tax by 4% and they're now imposing a further £20m inflation-busting maximum council tax hike of 3.99% for this year.

"This includes a Conservative Government social care tax of 2% on every home in the county.

Councillor Neil Furey.

"It is estimated that Lancashire County Council has reserves of some £100m but this won't stop Conservative council leader Councillor Driver from filling his council tax war chest ahead of next year's county council elections.

"This Conservative council continues to impose inflation-busting council tax increases while slashing and burning services at an alarming rate. Council tax payers continue to pay more for much less in return.

"Cllr. Driver claims he was putting up council tax 'reluctantly' and says they're doing a great job of cutting services to balance a budget. So much so that they have even employed a cuts consultant so they can strip back more services.

"In short, the Conservatives at County Hall are doing the Government's dirty work by increasing council tax and slashing services that local people rely on. Instead of slashing services and hiking up council tax he should be banging on the Government's door to demand more funds for social care and other essential services."

Councillor Driver responded: "Councillor Furey demonstrates that he has absolutely no idea how a major local authority is managed and how the county council has to ensure its finances are in order so that we can assure our vulnerable fellow citizens that we will always be there for them when they need us.

"The previous Labour administration at LCC had the same approach as Councillor Furey - keep spending money you don't have, put services to vulnerable people at risk and hope the Government will bail you out. How irresponsible is that?"

Pupils 'buddy up' for Storytelling Week...

PUPILS at St James Catholic Primary celebrated National Storytelling Week by 'reading with buddies' across the school.

Youngsters at the school in Ashurst Road were encouraged to take in their favourite reading book from home and read it with a younger or older child.

And the school hall was transformed into a 'cosy reading space' with blankets, cushions, teepees, dens and tents.

A spokesperson for the school said: "All the children enjoyed time with their buddies and will hopefully gain a love of reading."

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Members of last year's Year 11 GCSE class that the figures relate to.

School earns top marks for pupils' progress

Report by **Henry James**

STAFF and pupils at the West Lancs-based Maharishi School are celebrating following the publication of the latest national and regional 'league tables' showing how schools have performed in various categories.

Out of 155 secondary schools in Lancashire Maharishi School was ranked second in the Progress 8 category.

This puts the school, the only one of its type in the country, in the top 2% nationwide.

Progress 8 records how much progress pupils have made between the end of primary and the end of secondary school when they take their GCSEs. It is based on results in up to eight qualifications and takes into account a student's starting point when they begin secondary school. The Maharishi School score was in the "well above average" category.

Headteacher Mrs Edwards beieves the achievement demonstrates the dedication of the school's staff to bring out the best in their pupils.

Maharishi School is unusual due to its system of consciousness-based education, which includes the daily use of Transcendental Meditation by both pupils and staff.

The school has said that the benefits of this simple meditation technique have been proved in hundreds of scientific studies, including the development of students' intelligence and creativity.

A spokesman for the school, said: "This is certainly borne out by this fantastic league table result, which shows the level of improvement the pupils have been able to make."

Another unusual aspect of Maharishi School is that it is a 'through school' which means pupils can start in Reception class aged four and can go right through to Year 11 when they take their GCSEs.

Mrs Edwards added: "We find that children do best when they join us in Reception, or otherwise as young as possible, and then go through the whole school."

The Maharishi School's primary phase is based in Lathom with the secondary phase in Skelmersdale.

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Sue Hudson with pupils at Moorside CP Academy which is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Moorside celebrates golden milestone - and bids fond farewell to staff stalwart

STAFF and pupils at a Skelmersdale primary school have been celebrating a golden milestone.

Today (Wednesday, February 19) marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of Moorside CP Academy in Back Lane, Holland Moor.

A number of special events have been held during the 'birthday week' celebrations including an 'Enterprise Fair' selling items from over the decades, as well as two 'Music Through the Decades' shows.

The 50th anniversary week also marked the retirement of long-serving teaching assistant, Sue Hudson.

Sue, who has worked at Moorside for 25 years, is leaving to continue with her writing career - she is a published author, with four books to her name, written under her pen name Sue Roberts.

Moorside headteacher, Richard Davis, said: "Sue is a truly wonderful woman who has served our school community brilliantly over the last 25 years.

Legacy

"She will be sorely missed by all at school and leaves with all our best wishes for her future!

"She leaves a legacy behind her having worked with generations of families in our fabulous school community."

Meanwhile the departing Sue said: "Today I said goodbye to Moorside school after almost 25 years. It's been a blessing to work with such wonderful children over the years, many of whom now bring their own children to Moorside!

"I would like to thank all the staff, children and parents for making my time here so pleasant and for the wonderful leaving gifts.

"It's been a privilege to be a part of Moorside's 50-year celebrations."

Anyone for table tennis?

OFFICIALS of a local table tennis club are looking to recruit new members - particularly youngsters and women.

The Skelmersdale Lathom Table Tennis Club was founded by a group of friends following a night out in Liverpool when they came across a table in a bar and enjoyed their 'knock-about' so much they were inspired to take up the sport on a regular basis.

One of the founders, John Hodgson, 56, from Ashurst, said: "It was Christmas 2018 when a group of us went to Liverpool for a drink and found a table tennis table at the Roxy bar.

"We all had a go and after that we wanted to play some more. There was a table at Burscough Sports Centre and the four of us went every Tuesday to play.

"After a while we bought our own table and used it at Ashurst Community Centre. Then we bought more tables and moved to Lathom High School where there was more space."

The club now has 10 tables - with members playing at Lathom High on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6.30 to 8.30pm - and its own coach in Bob Edwards.

John added: "The staff at Lathom High have been fantastic. I would also like to thank Mark Stuthridge, who was on the original trip to Liverpool, for his help and Steve Luck who does all the fixtures.

"We have a team in the Wigan and District Third Division who are currently top of the league."

The club currently has 25 adult members and one junior member and John said: "Ideally we would really like to see more young people come along and women too."

For more information on the club call John on 07539 626 571.

Members of the Skelmersdale Lathom Table Tennis Club who are looking to welcome new recruits.

Members of the Up Holland Artz Centre infant musical theatre class proudly show off their library membership cards to use at the new Library Café facility located next door.

Artz Centre youngsters focus on written word with a musical theme

YOUNG members of the Musical Theatre class at the Artz Centre in Up Holland enjoyed lessons with a different focus to mark National Storytelling Week.

The group, for four to seven-year-olds, meet each week to learn new skills in acting, singing and dance - as well gaining new friends and confidence.

To celebrate the written word and all things 'storytelling' lead practitioner, Joe Howard ran a special session for the group, using stories and rhyme to teach them all about the wonderful world of the stage through the power of books.

In addition, the Artz Centre sponsored the infant students to continue accessing the magic of storytelling by equipping them each with a free Artz Library card membership, for the all-new neighbouring Artz Library Café facility.

Infant director, Joe, said: "We are excited to encourage all of our students to take advantage of the fabulous library facility at the Up Holland Artz Centre alongside their weekly Performing Arts classes.

Vast selection

"Reading is a powerful tool for our local youngsters to learn to master, and we aim to inspire all of our local young people to pick up a book, and enjoy their all-new local library resource."

The Community Library and Café venue offers hot drinks, free Wi-Fi and a vast selection of books - including both fiction and non-fiction, local history and a children's section - available to lend.

The Cafe Library is open from 10am to 3pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 10am to 9pm on Tuesday and Thursday. It is hoped to include weekend openings too soon. The book-lending service is free for members and registration costs just £2.

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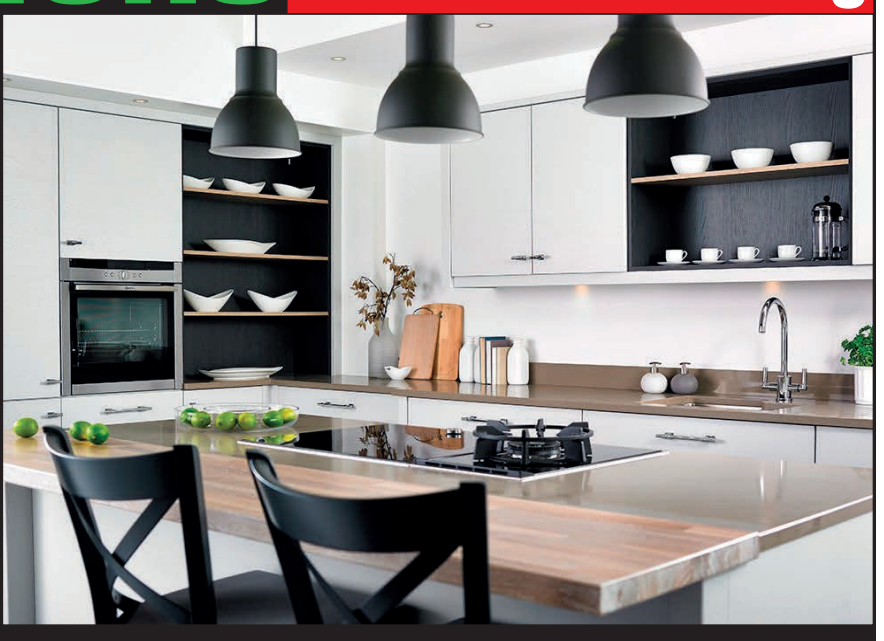

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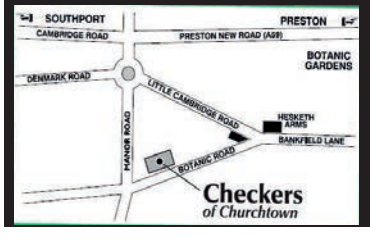

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Approval recommended for Tanhouse homes plan

Report by **Henry James**

A computerised image of what the proposed development at Eskbank will look like.

PLANS to build 13 two-storey homes at Eskbank, Tanhouse, have been conditionally recommended for approval by officers at West Lancashire Borough Council.

The site comprises a building which was used as a children's day nursery, a car parking area and gardens.

The proposals are for the existing building to be demolished and for 13 two-storey buildings of nine two-bedroom properties and four three-bedroomed properties to be constructed.

All properties would have their own garden area. Dwellings would also be made available for affordable rent.

The proposal has been amended during the application with the number of homes reduced by one, and the parking spaces increased to 26.

Neighbouring residents have written to the council with a number of concerns. These included objection to principle of housing; concerns about the lack of consultation; concerns about a lack of parking with the new scheme; safety fears for children; other areas where houses could be built; and worries about impact on services.

The corporate director of place and community at the borough council, Heidi McDougall, looked at the application and came to the following conclusion/

"It is considered that the principle of residential development at this site is acceptable.

"I am satisfied that there will be no significant detrimental impact upon the character of the area, amenity of neighbouring properties, biodiversity, trees or highway safety.

"The development is considered to be compliant with relevant planning policies and accords with the NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) and relevant policies of the Local Plan."

Officers are recommending that the application be approved subject to conditions and a S106 agreement.

Digital centre's helping hand for online problems

IF you have problems getting online, downloading forms or tackling Word or Excel - help is at hand at the Citizens Advice Lancashire office in Skelmersdale's Concourse shopping centre.

The digital centre in Unit 47 is open to anyone in the community who lacks either the confidence or the knowledge to make full use of the Internet.

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For more information ring 0344 245 1294 or just call in.

Shop staff Mother's Day appeal on behalf of women's refuge

WITH Mother's Day fast approaching staff at the Shush store in the Concourse shopping centre in Skelmersdale are once again appealing for donations of essential toiletries for ladies who are currently in the Liberty Centre's women's refuge.

Employees at the clothes store, which is located at unit 143 on the first floor of the shopping centre, are asking for gifts of hygiene products as well as sanitary products.

Staff member, Marion Flanders, said: "We are asking for any soap bag items for ladies who are currently in the women's refuge. We ran the same appeal last year and it was fantastic.

"Not only were the refuge able to make up wonderful hampers for the ladies there, they also made up welcome packs for further residents, as well as being able to have the basic hygiene essentials to use daily.

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A poster advertising the Shush appeal.

"As most people are aware the women's refuge in Skelmersdale provides an essential service. They not only offer shelter, they support and counsel the survivors of domestic violence. The support also continues once families are re-homed.

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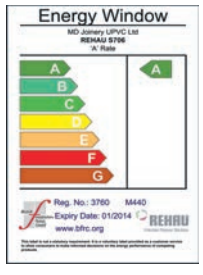

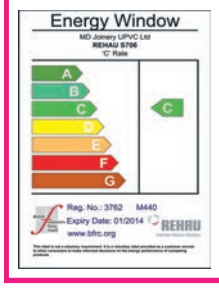

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Consultation launched on council's strategy to help the homeless and rough sleepers

WEST Lancs Council has launched a public consultation on its strategy for helping homeless people and rough sleepers in the borough.

The consultation, which opened on February 12 and runs until Wednesday, March 25, is open to the public and also to organisations that can play a role in tackling homelessness.

The draft document states that West Lancashire reflects the national trend in the number of households that have lost their home over the last 10 years.

Both the number of homeless presentations and the use of temporary accommodation has increased.

However, in respect to rough sleeping, the borough bucks the national trend having recorded 0 or 1 on its rough sleeper estimates over the last five years.

Councillor Kevin Wright: "Homelessness continues to be an important issue in society."

The key objectives of the strategy are to reduce homelessness by increasing prevention and early intervention; enhance the housing offer available for both temporary and longer term accommodation; and to improve health and wellbeing.

Councillor Kevin Wright, whose cabinet responsibilities include homeless issues, said: "Homelessness continues to be an important issue in society and you can help make sure the council is in a strong position to tackle any issues that arise locally by giving your views on our proposed strategy."

To access the full draft version of the Homelessness & Rough Sleeper Strategy and give your views go to https://westlancs.citizenspace.com/housing/homelessness-rough-sleeper-strategy.

Woman, 42, accused of stealing more than £50,000

A WOMAN accused of stealing more than £50,000 from her employer has been bailed to appear at Liverpool Crown Court.

Cheryl Shackley, 42, of Delph Lane, Burscough pleaded not guilty to 'theft by employee' at Sefton Magistrates Court on February 12. The charge states that between May 2016 and April 2018, at Ince Blundell, she stole £51,492 belonging to Kevin O'Hare.

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Tributes to council's first chief executive

TRIBUTES have been paid to the first chief executive of West Lancashire Borough Council, John Cowdall, who has died at the age of 79.

He led the newly-created authority, then known as West Lancashire District Council, from April 1 1974 and served for 16 years.

Working hard with colleagues to attract new businesses and investment, he was at the helm for taking control of the Skelmersdale New Town housing built by Skelmersdale Development Corporation.

After retiring from the council, Mr Cowdall took on many other prominent roles in the community, including serving as chair of the board of governors at Stonyhurst College and Cardinal Newman Sixth Form College, as well as being chair of University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust for a while.

John Cowdall - fondly remembered as "an all-round good guy" and "a great public servant"

He was also a trustee of the Archdiocese of Liverpool and a member of the board of regents at Liverpool Hope University, two roles which led to him being made a Papal Knight of the Order of St Gregory.

Bill Taylor, who was West Lancs Council chief executive between 1997 and 2011, said: "John was the architect of so much that is good about West Lancs, constantly trying to attract in new investment and job opportunities. Most of all he will be remembered as an all-round good guy. The staff and councillors loved John and talked about him fondly years after he left."

And Deputy Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Terry Aldridge, added: "John was very helpful with new councillors and when I was first elected he invited all the new councillors in for a cup of tea to introduce us to staff. He was a very fair-minded man and a great public servant."

County transport chiefs welcome HS2 go-ahead

TRANSPORT chiefs at Lancashire County Council have welcomed the Government's announcement to go ahead with the controversial HS2 high-speed rail scheme.

HS2 trains would serve stations in Preston and Lancaster. According to the HS2 website the high speed station at Preston will be "at the heart of one of Britain's most networked cities."

It is estimated that the HS2 service from Preston to London would be 78 minutes as opposed to the current two hours and 28 minutes.

Lancashire County Council's cabinet member for economic development, environment and planning, County Council, County Councillor Michael Green, welcomed the announcement.

He said: "HS2 will undoubtedly bring new opportunities for the whole county, by making us a transport hub on the new national high speed network.

"While possible construction could still be a few years away, we're already looking at how we can be in the right position to benefit from HS2.

"It's vital to have good transport connections to attract highly-skilled workers and create new opportunities for people and businesses who are already here. By making it easier for people to come to Lancashire and for us to reach other parts of the country, HS2 would bring many opportunities to create new jobs and bring new economic growth to the county."

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Volunteers from Woodlands Animal Sanctuary accepting the £2,393.64 donation from staff at Pets at Home, Preston.

Pet store 'cheques' in with welcome boost for animal sanctuary

VOLUNTEERS at a West Lancs animal charity which costs £3,000 per week to run are celebrating after receiving a donation of nearly £2,400.

The team at Woodlands Animal Sanctuary in Holmeswood were presented with a cheque for £2,393.64 by the Pets at Home store in Preston.

The much-welcome gift was the proceeds of collections held by the store during their summer and winter appeals.

Woodlands is a self-funded charity which rescues, rehabilitates and aims to rehome unwanted, ill-treated, abandoned or neglected animals.

Sally McDerby from the sanctuary in Sandy Lane, said: "We would like to thank Dave and the rest of the team from Pets at Home Preston so much for all their support. We are especially delighted as they have once again chosen us as their charity of the year for 2020.

"This is an exciting opportunity for both parties to work together to raise funds and awareness until the end of December 2020. We are looking forward to working with Dave and his team once again and hope for another year's successful partnership.

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County council's parking 'police' turn a blind eye to motorists' who ignore double yellow lines

I READ with interest about the proposed working group which is to be set up to tackle parking in the town. (Champion, February 12) and whilst the article appears to relate to the problems concerning parking close to Edge Hill, I am of the opinion that more attention should be paid to what is happening in the town itself.

Looking firstly at the Styles car park, you will see the same vehicles parked every day down at the bottom of the car park close to the Church Street walk-through.

This area is clearly marked with double yellow lines but it appears that Lancashire County Council, who are responsible for policing all areas of double yellow lines in the town, seem to turn a 'blind eye' to these motorists who abuse the road markings.

The same applies to the stretch of road as you leave the Wheatsheaf car park by the entrance of B&M bargains.

Again, the same vehicles park there every day.

On one occasion I approached the man employed by LCC to police the areas of double yellow lines in the town and asked him why he didn't ticket those vehicles by B&M.

His reply quite frankly, amazed me. In his words "because the yellow lines are very faint I cannot realistically give them a ticket."

This would be easily rectified if LCC took all of half-an-hour to re-paint the area, but perhaps that would require half a brain!

So, in conclusion, if you want to park somewhere in Ormskirk without having to pay, try the area at the bottom of the Styles car park or opposite the B&M entrance.

Chris, Ormskirk, by email.

Well done, Champion - but we can all do 'our bit' to raise awareness of the threat posed by global warming

I WAS very pleased to see Kenny Parker's piece in last week's edition about global warming.

Well done to the Champion for raising the profile of the threat we face. This is a problem which will not go away - unless we all change.

Some changes needed are small and must be done by all of us, but real change can only be achieved by action at national level. We must press for this now - time is running out.

David Attenborough and Greta Thunberg have eloquently demonstrated that something can be done by everyone, young and old. You can help save the planet by joining initiatives such as Extinction Rebellion. You may not wish to demonstrate or glue yourself to the nearest bank, but you don't have to do that to capture hearts and minds.

Headline-grabbing action is hugely important, but there are other ways you can help. We can all raise awareness by speaking to friends, relatives, neighbours and work colleagues. And we must all help to keep up the pressure by challenging our councillors, our MP and the Government.

Support your local ER group NOW.

Geraldine Boocock, Aughton.

Heartened by call for local group to tackle crucial issue

IN the past few weeks, the national press have reported on the emergence of 'climate anxiety' in the generations of people let down by decades of climate inaction, procrastination and obfuscation by successive world governments and economic interest groups.

I took heart, therefore, to read in the Champion of Maurice George's efforts to help address this by forming a local Extinction Rebellion group.

A growing body of psychologists agree that one effective way to cope with climate anxiety is to get involved. I would therefore ask local residents, regardless of age, gender, ability, background and political affiliation, to consider lending their voices to this grassroots call for change.

As Mr George points out, we can all do our own bit, but the massive structural changes required to avert the climate emergency will need our local, national and world leaders to sit up, listen, and most importantly act now.

What better way to achieve this than to show them how united we West Lancs residents, in all our diversity, are on this crucial issue?

P. J., Ormskirk

PIC of the week

READER Adrian Doherty from Town Green submitted this picture, taken from Formby Lane, Aughton and captioned 'Sunset from Birches Brow Boutique Guest Rooms.'

If you would like to submit a photo to be considered for the Champion's Picture of the Week slot, you can simply email it to us, as a J-peg attachment, to editorial@champnews.com.

Please remember to include your name and the area where you live, along with brief caption details to accompany your photograph.

Although we are unable to publish all photos submitted for favour of publication, we do acknowledge and very much appreciate your contributions.

It's time to derail HS2 White Elephant

I CAN'T help thinking what an utter waste of taxpayers' money the HS2 high speed rail link is.

Swathes of countryside, natural habitats for rare species, people's homes and farms destroyed, all for what - so we can get to London 30 minutes quicker?

Is it really worth paying the price? The cost is spiraling out of control, £100 billion-plus at the last estimate!

Would the Government not be better employed literally pouring that money into the ever-increasing pot holes on our roads which more of us use than the trains, or building several new hospitals for our ever-increasing population?

Also, the HS2 project is estimated for completion in 2040-plus and I can't help but think a lot of people who commute to the 'smoke' will probably be working from home by then anyway.

Ian Hewitt, by email.

Drop us a line...

IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

Letters can be posted or emailed to the respective addresses listed at the top of this page. They should be concise, preferably no more than 350 words, and include the sender's name, address and contact details, although not necessarily for publication.

Correspondents preferring not to have their name and/or their address published may provide a suitable nom de plume, or one may be provided.

The editor reserves the right to edit all items submitted for favour of publication.

■ PLEASE note: All views and opinions expressed in letters to the editor are solely those of the authors.

Setting the record straight on those 'free-from' foods

RE: The recent One Man and His Dog column about how his shopping is ruined by shelves of free-from' food. I was amazed at how ignorant Jim Sharpe is.

Free-from foods are not just about healthy eating, such as less salt, it is about gluten and wheat.

I am a sufferer of coeliac and IBS (irritable bowel syndrome). It is a condition which, if not treated with free-from food, can be debilitating and indeed life-threatening. I won't go into detail about the effects.

I go into hospital once a year to see a dietician and every three years to see a doctor to make sure my gut is working ok. I also have tests with tubes (not very nice).

Also Mr Sharpe, have you noticed that prices of the free-from foods are double or triple the prices for ordinary food?.

So now you know Mr Sharpe, what free-from food really means.

Veggies and vegans have made a choice. Nothing wrong with that - I sometimes have veggie sausages (gluten-free of course). I did not have a choice to be coeliac. It is just an illness, and not a very nice one.

Irene Robinson, by email.

Mushroom company's planned expansion will have benefits for health, environment and jobs

I AM writing in support of the proposed expansion of Smithy Mushrooms responding to customers' changing dietary preferences.

Many so-called wild varieties of mushrooms are increasingly being recognised to have a range of health benefits. These products are also good substitutes for meat of which we are being urged to reduce our consumption on account of livestock-associated methane emissions contributing to global warming.

This also represents local food which can mitigate the problems of road-based transport of food. There will presumably follow on some additional employment opportunities.

I would also point out that over the last two decades the local wildlife on the Scarisbrick fields has been already most sadly depleted due to farming practices, most especially the changeover to turf farms even though they may look green; and which, by the way, don't seem to require planning permission.

John Watt, Ormskirk.

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MP backs fight against new tax on motorhomes

ROSIE Cooper is supporting the National Caravan Council's opposition to new Vehicle Excise Duty regulations for motorhomes.

Due to a technicality, under EU emission regulations, new motorhomes will no longer be taxed as private/light goods vehicles but instead as cars for the purposes of VED.

New owners now face up to a 705% increase - from £265 to £2,135 - with significantly higher ongoing yearly tax costs for a further five years.

Now the West Lancs MP has called on the Treasury to re-classify motorhomes as commercial vehicles for the purposes of VED in the next Budget.

She said: "The impact this drastic increase in tax will have on the motorhome industry is huge - from discouraging people from buying them and the knock-on effects for jobs in sales and manufacturing, to the reduction in users contributing to tourism around the country.

"I have called on the Chancellor to look at this recent change and make provision in the upcoming Budget to allow for motorhomes to be taxed as previously and support the motorhome industry."

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Music-loving couple host rock gig in aid of dementia charity

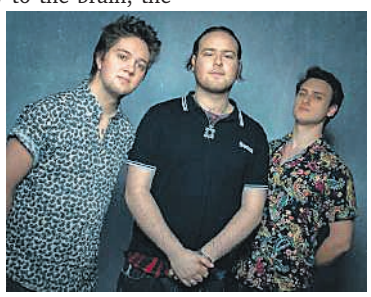
A COUPLE have turned their joy of live music into a cause very special to them – hosting a charity fundraiser in honour of a loved one.

Sharon Thompson, and her singer husband Neil, are holding the Rock 4 Dementia event at Hangar 34 in Liverpool next month. The venue will accommodate 500 people and the pair have already sold half of the tickets!

Sharon, an advertising sales representative at the Champion, and Neil, deputy manager at Dunelm furnishing firm in Aintree, are aiming to raise at least £5,000 for charity Dementia UK in honour of Sharon's 83-year-old mum, Gladys, who was diagnosed with vascular dementia nine years ago.

Sharon and her mum, Gladys.

Caused by reduced blood flow to the brain, the conditon affects around 150,000 people in the UK. Symptoms include difficulty with understanding, concentration, mood, personality changes, and difficulty keeping balance.



The Left Backs.

Sharon cared for her mum at home for many years, but her condition rapidly progressed around three years ago and she had to move into a specialised 24-hour care environment.

The gig, starting at 6pm on Saturday, March 28, will feature performances from indie bands Pigshoes (for whom Neil is a singer) as well as The Left Backs and The Extras.

There will also be an auction of specially-signed merchandise from the Undertones, Steve Diggle and Buzzcocks, the Skids, Hugh Cornwell, the Stereophonics and John Cooper Clarke. For footy fans, there will also be a signed Everton club ball and Liverpool FC merchandise.

Sharon said: "I'm proud to say my mum has taken every stage of her dementia in her stride. Now beginning the final stages of the condition, she has trouble speaking and swallowing. She is now bed-bound, but can still muster a beautiful smile for those she loves.

"It's a heartbreaking time for the family so we've decided to do something positive and arrange this event to give something back for the support we have received from various networks, including Dementia UK's website.

"Dementia UK offers a huge amount of support to families and they can also help with the financial and legal issues, as well as offering helpful advice of how to look after yourself as a carer."

Tickets are £10. Call Sharon on 07763 657 468; email rock4dementia@gmail.com; or visit rock4dementia.uk.

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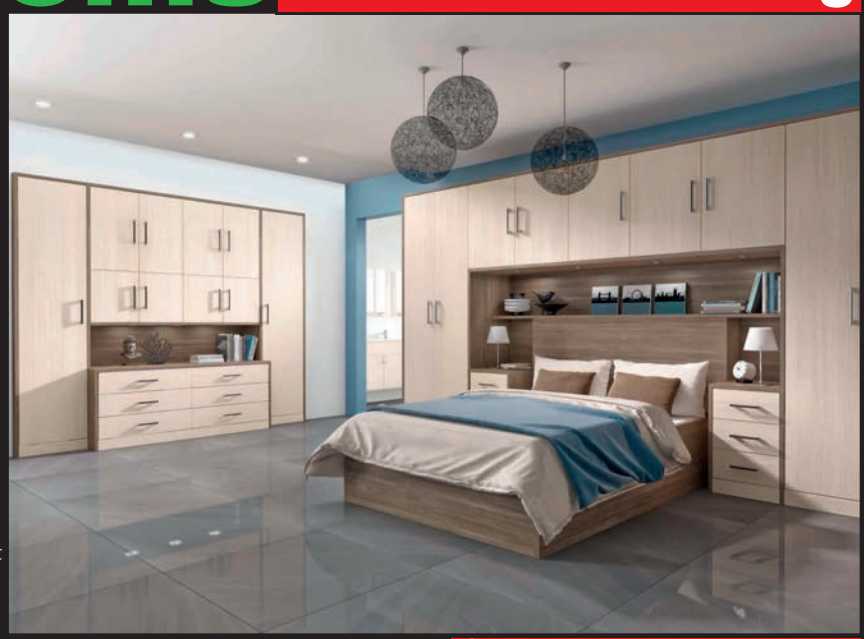

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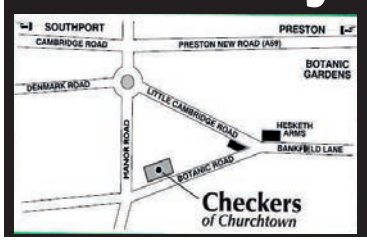

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Lathom Park Trust meeting to feature presentation on Bard's links to Lancashire

THIS year's Lathom Park Trust annual general meeting at the Briars Hall Hotel on Tuesday, March 3 will have a Shakespearean flavour.

The trust has confirmed that a member of the Knowsley-based Shakespeare North Community Curators Group will give a presentation following the meeting, outlining plans for a replica 17th-century theatre in Prescot.

Starting time for the meeting is 7.30pm with the presentation to follow at around 8pm featuring the history of the Bard in Lancashire and plans for the £20m replica theatre and complex of buildings in Prescot, including a centre for education in Shakespearean stagecraft.

Secretary and trustee at Lathom Park Trust, Dot Broady-Hawkes says that Shakespeare historians have been researching his connection to Lathom, Rufford and Ormskirk for many years.

Lathom Park Trust's AGM will feature a presentation discussing Shakespeare's links to Lancashire.

Prescot was also part of the Shakespeare Northern circuit during his formative years as a thespian and playwright and it had an Elizabethan theatre from 1593, the largest outside of London.

Dot added: "Certainly there is a strong historical connection between the theatre group of players known as Lord Strange's Men - Lord Strange being the son of the Earl of Derby at Lathom - and other Elizabethan troupes playing at the Royal Court for the Queen.

"It is an often repeated story that Shakespeare performed with a touring troupe at Ormskirk in a theatre behind Moor Street, situated behind what used to be an old thatched roof inn called the Rye Sheaf, later the Ship Inn."

Members of the public are welcome to attend for a £1 donation to the trust although non-members of the trust will not be allowed to vote in the AGM.

There will also be a fundraising raffle in aid of Lathom Park Trust's archaeological projects.

To reserve seats contact Dot Broady-Hawkes at secretary-lathomparktrust@outlook.com. Group bookings can be taken in advance.

G&S society's community centre date

THE Hoghton Players Gilbert and Sullivan Society will return to Hesketh Bank Community Centre, Station Road on Saturday, March 28.

The National Operatic and Dramatic Association Award-winners will be performing 'Out and About with Gilbert and Sullivan', a journey around the world with songs from the pair featuring outstanding solo artists.

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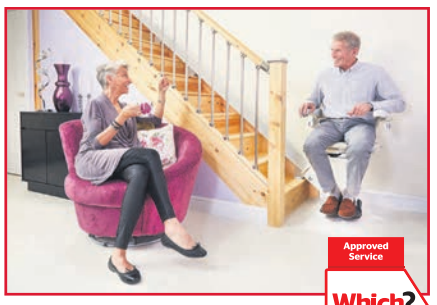

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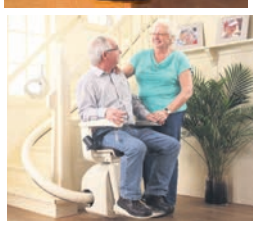

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Two-year ban for drug-driver who was five times over limit

By our **Court Reporter**

A MAN caught drug-driving was so much under the influence that he was unable to communicate effectively with police officers, a court has heard.

When Glenn Galbraith, of Booths Lane, Aughton appeared at Sefton Magistrates on Wednesday, February 12, the court was told he drew attention of police by driving a black Audi A4 slowly on Northway, Maghull at 1am on August 3 of last year.

Angela Blackmore, prosecuting, said: "The defendant was stationary when the officers pulled up alongside him. He appeared unable to communicate effectively and was agitated and grinding his teeth.

"The officers suspected he was either drunk or under the influence of drugs.

"He informed the officers that he had taken ketamine and a small wrap of white powder was in his shorts."

Issues

The court heard that officers found a glass jar containing a quantity of empty drug bags and further wraps of the drug were located in his body. He had 11 bags of ketamine, mixed with benzocaine, in total.

After failing a fitness to drive test at the police station, blood tests showed he had 125micrograms of ketamine per litre of blood. The legal limit is 20mcg/l.

26-year-old Galbraith, who had no previous convictions, was represented by solicitor Rachel Worthington. She said that he had been using the ketamine at least twice per week to help him deal with ongoing family issues, in particular his grandfather's illness at the time.

Saying that his mother was disgusted and disappointed with his behaviour, Mrs Worthington added: "He feels on a daily basis that he has let his family down."

The magistrates fined him £120 for the possession of drugs and sentenced him to an eight-week 7pm to 7am curfew for the drug-driving offence. He was also banned from driving for 24 months and ordered to pay £175 in costs and victim surcharge.

Chairman Ian Thompson said: "Evidence was given that you were unable to communicate while driving a motor vehicle, which was extremely serious. Not only was your own personal safety at risk but that of other road users."

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Village primary footballers are county champs

TALENTED young footballers from a village primary school are celebrating after being crowned best small school team in Lancashire!

After winning the West Lancashire borough title last November, the Newburgh CE Primary under-11s team went forward to the county competition where they faced teams from Hyndburn, Pendle, Rossendale, South Ribble, Wyre and Lancaster.

And they swept all before them, winning all six games and conceding just a single goal in the entire tournament.

In the preliminary games, they beat St Mary's (Clayton, Hyndburn) 4-0, Kelbrook (Pendle) 3-0, St Anne's (Rossendale) 1-0, and Higher Walton (South Ribble) 4-0.

And although their defence was finally breached in the semi-final, they still managed to triumph 2-1 against Kirkland with Catterall (Wyre).

The final saw them claim the title with another 'clean sheet' as they dispatched Quernmore (Lancaster) 3-0.

The team will now take part in the Northern competition in Newcastle-upon-Tyne on Wednesday, March 11 against the best small schools from Cleveland, Cumbria, Durham, North Yorkshire, Northumberland, South Yorkshire, Cheshire, Greater Manchester, Merseyside and West Yorkshire.

Headteacher, Mrs Fowler, said: "It is a great honour to be representing Lancashire. We are extremely proud of our football team and the attitude and resilience they have shown throughout the competitions and we wish them every success in the Northern competition."

The triumphant Newburgh CE Primary under-11s football team.

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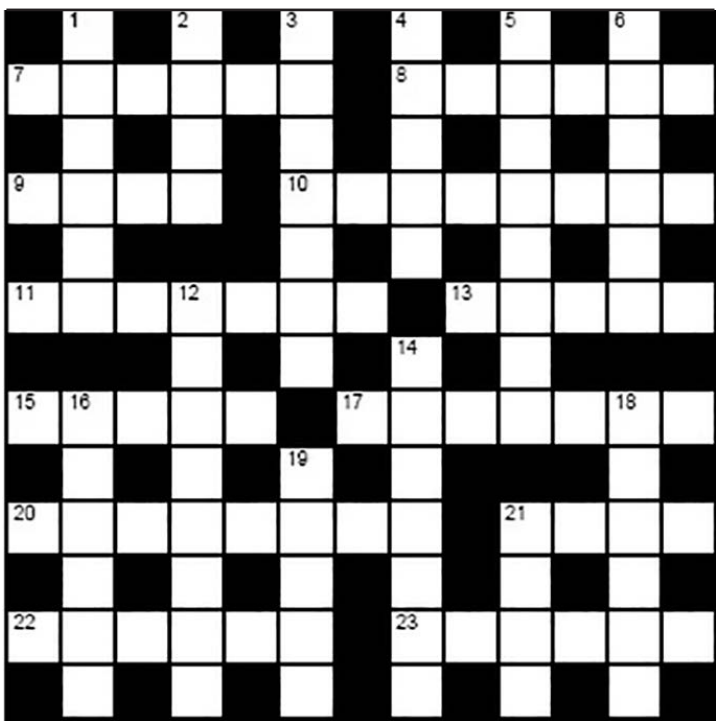

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7. Czech Republic. 8. Trial run. 9. Exam. 10. Narrate. 12. Usher. 14. Edict. 16. Thirsty. 19. Oche. 20. Abrasive. 22 Straight-faced.

Down: 1. Czar. 2. Eclair. 3. Pro rata. 4. Spank. 5. Abbess. 6. Filament. 11. Abdicate. 13. Charity. 15. Coeval. 17. Rascal. 18. Cadge. 21 Veer.

ACROSS

7. A Japanese form of self-defence and martial art (6)
8. Make a short visit or call (4, 2)
9. Person admired for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities (4)
10. A rack supporting wood for sawing (8)
11. Sleeveless belted tunic formerly worn by schoolgirls (7)
13. Competitor; opponent (5)
15. Informal term for a close friend, particularly in USA (5)
17. Literary work not based on fact (7)
20. (In medical or technical contexts) unusually or abnormally low stature or small size (8)
21. Friendly, informal talk (4)
22. Type of highly-seasoned sausage, originally from Italy (6)
23. Regain something lost or expended (6)

DOWN

1. Such as well might happen or be true; probable (6)
2. Ballpoint pen (4)
3. Show reverence for (7)
4. Circus funnyman (5)
5. Car driver or owner(8)
6. An afternoon rest or nap (6)
12. A minor route branching off a highway (4, 4)
14. The highest part of a horse's back, lying at the base of the neck above the shoulders (7)
16. Remove packaging (6)
18. Not transparent (6)
19. Relating to a city or town, especially its administration; municipal (5)
21. A tropical American shrub grown for its leaves (4)

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Paralympian's call to take the plunge for cancer charities

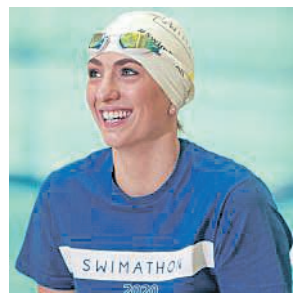
PARALYMPIC gold medal-winning swimmer Bethany Firth is urging people across West Lancashire to take the plunge and sign up for Swimathon 2020.

The swimming star is helping to highlight the annual fundraiser in aid of Cancer Research UK and Marie Curie.

People of all ages and abilities can take part in the sponsored event taking place at swimming pools across the country, including Park Pool in Ormskirk and Nye Bevan pool in Skelmersdale.

With a variety of distances, from 400m all the way up to the Triple 5k, Swimathon offers a challenge for everyone. You can participate individually or as part of a team. It will take place over the weekend of March 27-29.

Anyone who can't make one of the organised sessions can sign up to MySwimathon, running from March 20 to April 5, and choose a time and venue to suit themselves.



Paralympics star Bethany Firth is backing Swimathon.

Bethany's support for Swimathon has been inspired by her mum, Lindsey, who is recovering from thyroid cancer and she is keen to emphasise you don't need to be a super swimmer to take part.

She said: "Swimathon is such a fun and simple way to encourage people to get swimming - all the while supporting two incredible charities. It really doesn't matter if you're not the fittest or the fastest. I hope swimmers young and old, new and experienced will dive in and help thousands of families affected by cancer. The dedicated fundraisers who support these important causes are the real heroes."

Swimathon has raised more than £52m for charities since it began in 1986. Organisers hope that in this Olympic year, participants will help to make 2020 a Swimathon record breaker by raising more than £2.2m for Cancer Research UK and Marie Curie. To sign up visit swimathon.org.

Entries invited for Rainbow Hub fundraising workout

MAWDESLEY-based Rainbow Hub is inviting entries for its sixth annual 'Workout-athon' to be held on Sunday March 1 from 10am to 1pm between 10am and 1pm in The Great Room at Preston North End Football Club.

Featuring energetic workouts including metafit; legs, bums and tums; Zumba; Rockbox, Les Mills Body Combat and Body Attack, the event is in aid of the hub which supports children and young people with physical and neurological disabilities.

All are welcome and you can do as much or as little as you wish. Entry is £10 in advance or £15 on the day and entry forms are available online at www.rainbowhub.org/event/workoutathon/ or by emailing k.nelson@rainbowhub.org or phoning 01704 823276.

Closing date for postal entries is Thursday, February 27 or you can just turn up on the day.

Sponsorship is not compulsory but participants are encouraged to ask family and friends to support them.

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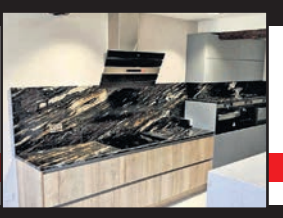

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'Jimmy good boy' first hit the road in a Singer Vogue

I HAVE to nip back to Christmas in order to set the scene for this week's 'Dog' column Christmas 1949 (I think) when I was really quite young - and small.

I remember sometime between my November birthday and Christmas I became aware that it was possible that Santa would honour my greatest wish, a pedal car, on certain conditions.

For years afterwards my mum would repeat a mantra she said I took up during the interregnum before the big day.

It went: 'Jimmy good boy, Daddy Kinty autycar - Jimmy bad boy waggh',

Anyway, little Jimmy must have been sufficiently good because Santa did deliver my autycar - and it surpassed my wildest hopes.

It was green, modelled on an Austin of the period, complete with the flying 'A' on the front of the bonnet, it had an opening door, a realistic (if non-working) instrument panel.

It was mine at a time when very few children owned such a thing.

I suppose it started a golden period in my association with the motor car which lasted until the end of my teens.

Neither of my parents could drive, but for my 17th birthday I was awarded a present of 10 driving lessons - all per force taken in the dark after school, on the roads of Aintree and Bootle.

My steed was a BSM Austin A40, my instructor a large chap who insisted on the day of my test to drive me to the Test Centre. His final words of encouragement to me were: 'If you don't pass, I'll knock your ******* head round' - so I thought I'd better pass, and luckily I did.

Lucky in more ways than one as my mum had bought an almost-new (it had been a demonstrator) Singer Vogue saloon which was sitting, waiting patiently, in our purpose-built garage.

I was allowed to use the Vogue as mine own - providing that I would chauffeur my parents to and from any place they wished to go even if this clashed with where I wanted to be.

Advantages

I thought though I had a good bargain.

After about 15 months I had the cheek to suggest to mum that we aught to move up a bit in the car world - and the Vogue was duly swapped for a brand new Mk1 Humber Sceptre, to whose specification I had wisely added radial tyres.

I loved that car. Autumn gold metallic with a black interior and overdrive - a system that I still believe has advantages over adding an extra gear or two.

Perhaps my former colleague on the Champion, the now highly respected motoring journalist David Simister could tell me why the poor old Sceptre is almost totally overlooked in classic car circles, usually being casually dismissed as a kind of snobby Hillman.

The Sceptre was, in fact, originally going to be a sort of four-door Sunbeam Rapier - pretty obvious if you look at the radiator grill - and a car now readily accepted into classic car circles.

Anyway, the Sceptre was my final Daddy Kinty autocar.

After that I had to buy mine own - a fine collection of rather dubious MOT passers, including an old Austin A50 (which boiled and was known as 'Kettle') a horrible old Hillman Minx (which put a con-rod through its block on the Thelwall Viaduct on the M6) and a three-litre Rover (which had probably more body filler than actual metal (though she was very comfortable).

A small legacy from my aunt enabled me to buy an Alfasud Ti which suffered from the twin Alfa Romeo bugbears of rampant tin worm and electrical troubles though she was a really good drive.

So I am not so anti-car as I appear.

The problem is that just about all the fun, and quite a lot of the skill, of driving hasd been lost, and partly because of the sheer volume of traffic.

I didn't apply for an extension to my driving licence when I got old - I should have if only to be able on occasion to hire a car - Jimmy bad boy waghh!

Multiple vehicle crash on M58 - but no major injuries reported

THE eastbound carriageway of the M58 near Skelmersdale was closed for about three hours on Wednesday, February 12 following a multiple vehicle crash.

A total of six cars were involved in the incident between junctions three and four at around 6.25am but amazingly no major injuries were reported.

Three of the cars collided with the central reservation while a fourth ended up on its roof.

Although there was extensive damaged to the vehicles, only one minor injury was reported. Six people were treated at the scene and three were taken to hospital but the North West Ambulance Service said their injuries were not serious.

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Martin Mere first opened its doors in 1975 and since then, our wetland centre has been visited roughly five million times by visitors enjoying all that wetland nature and our activities have to offer.

On top of welcoming visitors to the centre, our reserve plays a vital role in conserving wetland species. The whooper swans are probably one of the most well-known birds the visit Martin Mere, along with pink-footed geese. Both these species will soon be departing for their breeding grounds in Iceland, so make sure you experience the spectacle of the swan feeds before they finish at the end of March.

While birds are the most obvious wildlife on site, Martin Mere actually plays hosts to over 2,000 different species of birds, mammals, insects, fish, amphibians, reptiles and mini-beasts. In addition, the site is a haven for many traditional Lancashire plants, such as the endangered whorled caraway, golden dock, tubular water dropwort, early marsh orchids, the large-flowered hemp nettle and purple ramping fumitory.

Martin Mere is also very important for the economy of West Lancashire, with research by Lancaster University showing that around £5 million is brought into the local economy every year by visitors to Martin Mere. This was found not only to just support 65 jobs at the site, but a further 28 full time positions in the local area.

The running of the centre takes a lot of time and effort and we wouldn't have such a thriving wetland centre if it wasn't for the 150 volunteers regularly helping us. As part of our birthday celebrations, we are holding a volunteering week from Monday 2nd – Sunday 8th March and would like to meet anybody who has a few hours spare and thinks they could help us in our work.

We have many different volunteer positions: visitor information volunteers, conservation work, office admin, gardening, mechanics, and carpentry. Not only will you enjoy helping one of the UK's best nature reserves, but you'll also enjoy the social element of the work, including special volunteering events throughout the year.

For more information about volunteering, drop in anytime between 2-4pm during Volunteer Week, 2nd – 8th March to speak to our staff about the many opportunities we have available.

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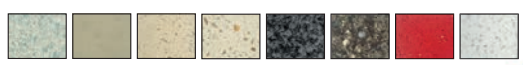

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Corrie star headlining production of By The Waters of Liverpool

THERE is not long now until Helen Forrester's By The Waters of Liverpool comes to The Southport Theatre from Friday, March 27 till Saturday, March 28.

A familiar and much-loved face on stage and screen, actress Sian Reeves has caused a stir on the cobbles of Coronation Street, and Sian is also about to take on a headline role in the new stage production.

Sian will play the role of Helen's Mother, Celia Forrester, a testing and challenging role portraying a strong woman affected by her life, and that of her family, being turned upside down.

By The Waters Of Liverpool opens on Tuesday, March 3 at the New Brighton Floral Pavilion in Wirral – just a few miles from where acclaimed author Helen Forrester was born.

The 11-week national tour will visit 17 venues across the country and follows a hugely successful run at the Liverpool Empire Theatre in October 2018, when the new production was premiered to rave reviews.

After opening in New Brighton, the tour will then head to: Stockport, Warrington, St Helens, Lancaster, Crewe, Southport, Rhyl, Swansea, Darlington, Malvern, Eastbourne, Isle Of Man, Hayes, Winchester, Liverpool, and Blackpool.

The touring cast also features Mark Moraghan, Parry Glasspool, Lucy Dixon, Eric Potts, Lynn Francis, Danny O'Brien, Roy Carruthers, and Chloe McDonald.

In celebration of Helen Forrester's 100th Birthday, an iconic Blue Plaque will be unveiled at a special event in February at the late author's family home in Hoylake – a place which featured heavily in Helen's four volumes of best-selling autobiography, including Twopence To Cross The Mersey.

Sian will be joined by fellow cast member, Mark Moraghan who plays Helen's father, and Helen Forrester's son Robert Bhatia to unveil the Blue Plaque.

Ahead of going into rehearsals for By The Waters Of Liverpool, Sian talks about what a challenging and important role she has to play portraying Helen's mother, Celia. She explained: "I'm playing Helen's Mother, Celia Forrester, who is a wonderfully complex person. From money, status and class before the great depression of the 1930s, to then losing everything and being dumped in a damp bug infested house with one cold water tap, and one toilet – with seven children to look after."

West Bromwich born Sian Reeves is an original cast member of the 1985 stage production of Les Misérables.

Sian Reeves

She also later appeared in the 25th anniversary performance at London's O2.

Sian has already shared a stage with fellow By The Waters Of Liverpool cast member Mark Moraghan in celebrity TV singing contest, Just The Two Of Us – when Sian and opera singer Russell Watson won the competition.

Sian's television credits also include: Casualty, Cutting It, Emmerdale, Hope Springs, Holby City and, more recently Coronation Street.

Ahoy matey! G&S Society holding a concert

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SDC to perform popular comedy

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Kathy Felton-Aksoy, who played the lead in the SDC production of Glorious, Emma Wells Hall, Valerie Pedlar, Corrina Davies and Sabrina Haynes make up the cast for what promises to be an evening of great entertainment.

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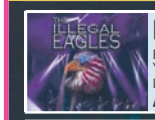

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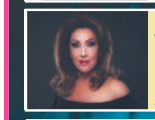

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Rose Marie and the family of the late Colin Anders, would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the messages of condolence, kindness and sympathy shown to them on the loss of a wonderful husband and father, Colin and for the donations to Dementia UK. Special thanks go to the family doctor, staff at Aaron Crest, the Rev. John Sephton and David Wilkinson for their dignified funeral arrangements

SPINKS ELSIE

Elsie's family would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind messages of condolence, sympathy cards and generous donations received for Alzheimer's Society. Also thanks to Christine Thomson for the wonderful service given to Elsie and thanks to Anabel and all at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for the dignified funeral arrangements

EATOUGH VELMA

Velma's family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind messages of sympathy and support, cards and generous donations at this sad time. Special thanks to Karen and Fanel for their lovely readings at the service. Thank you also to Richard Plant for his kind ministrations and to Neal Buckley and staff for caring and dignified funeral arrangements.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ARNOLD EDNA

The family of the late Edna Arnold wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives and friends for the kindness and sympathy shown to them during their recent bereavement. Also for the cards, letters of condolence and donations to Burscough Methodist Church. Thanks to Doctor Tilley and staff of Park Grove Care Home. Reverend Tindsley for a comforting service, and to Kayleigh and the staff of Cookson Tyrer in Burscough for funeral arrangements.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

NIXON JOAN

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Thank you so much to everyone who attended the Mass on 7th February at St Annes R/C Church or remembered us on the day.

Thank you to Father Boniface for such a lovely Mass, showing what a wonderful person Joan was and also remembering her late beloved Husband and our lovely Dad, Ray.

Also very grateful to Colette, Andrew (Organist), choir singers and parishioners who helped at the Mass.

Our grateful thanks to The Stanley Arms in Aughton who looked after us all with warmth and kindness afterwards.

Thank you so much to all who have given donations for St Annes and BHF in Joan's memory.

We are also very grateful to Sally Hunter and all at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for giving us invaluable guidance, support and compassion at such a sad time.

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EVANS JOSEPH HAROLD

13th February 2020

Aged 91 years

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HESKETH EILEEN MARGARET

(nee Evans)

30th January 2020

aged 74 years

Will be greatly missed by Sons Anthony and Michael, Daughter Diane and Grandson Jay. Funeral to be held at West Lancashire Crematorium Burscough on Monday 24th February at 10am. Enquiries and flowers to Hunters Funeral Directors, 128b Burscough St, Ormskirk, L39 2EY. Tel: 01695 572997

DEATHS

CONNOLLY CHRISTINE (CHRIS)

11th February 2020

Peacefully at home

aged 66 years

Loving Wife of Berni. Devoted Mum of John and Joanne and a dear Mother-in-law of Mark. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at St. Helens Crematorium on Tuesday 25th February at 1.30pm. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

SEED TREVOR

10th February 2020

Aged 85 years

Peacefully at home. Beloved Husband, Father and Grandfather. Trevor will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at St James' Church, Birkdale on 25th February at 10:45am followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being collected for Queenscourt Hospice. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

PARKINSON

(NEE RAWSTHORNE)

EILEEN MARY

7th February 2020

Aged 76 years

Passed away peacefully at home after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Loving Mum to Lisa, Nanny to Demi, Blaise, Indi and Cujo. Mother-in-law to John. Finally, at peace with Eric. Eileen will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 26th February at 11:20am. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being collected for Alzheimer's Society. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

HUNTER ROBIN WARD

(Formerly Derrick)

Passed away peacefully at home

aged 58 years

6th February 2020

Dearly loved Son of Cynthia and Ian. Much loved Brother of Ian (Jnr), and son David and daughter Carole Ann. Dearly loved Grandfather. Funeral to take place Thursday 27th February 2020 at 1pm West Lancashire Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Queenscourt Hospice. All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors 128b Burscough Street, Ormskirk Lancashire L39 2EY Tel: 01695 572997

DEATHS

MARTLEW CYRIL

Passed away peacefully at Macclesfield Hospital

6th February 2020

aged 91 years

of Sandbach, formerly Ormskirk Lancs

Dearly loved Husband of Audrey and loving Dad to Roger and Lindsay. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Voices Foundation. Funeral service to be held at St Oswald's Church, Brereton on Thursday 20th February 2020 at 1pm, followed by Interment in the Churchyard. All enquiries to Williams & Lowe Funeral Directors, Field House, 40 Congleton Road, Sandbach CW11 1HJ Tel: 01270 750852

SULLIVAN JOAN

12th February 2020

at her home in Ormskirk

aged 89 years

The dearly loved Wife of the late Larry. Loving Mum of Karen and Mandy, dear Mother in law of David and Dennis, devoted Grandma of Graeme, Michael, Lisa, Rebecca and Amy and Great Grandma to Emma, Elena and Libby. Funeral service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 24th February 2020 at 12:40pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Age UK. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors Tel: 01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

WARBURTON DOUGLAS

Peacefully in hospital

11th Feb 2020

Aged 77 years

Beloved Dad of Rachel and Michael. Grandad of Reese, Drew, Milla and Albie. Father-in-Law of Emma and Terry. Brother of Ann and Diane.

Service at East Devon Crematorium on Thursday 27th February at 2.30pm. Donations if desired to Cancer Research UK.

Enquiries to Paul Fudge at E.A Dodd Funeral Directors. Stamps Building, Kings Street, Honiton, EX14 1AF. Tel: 01404 42679

RIP Doug

DOOLEY RONALD (RON)

Peacefully after a short illness

9th February 2020

aged 75 years

A much loved Husband of Pat. Ron will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service will take place at Christ Church Newburgh on 26th February 2020 at 1.45pm, followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium at 3.00pm. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Cancer Research. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel 01704 897770

DEATHS

KEATING ANN IRENE

Passed away peacefully on 16th February 2020 at Southport Hospital, aged 84 years.

Loving Wife to Bill (deceased) Devoted Mum to Lisa and Nicki, Beloved Granny to Jenny and Robin. Cherished Sister to Betty, Bill, Leo and Pat.

Family Flowers only please but donations if so desired to Age UK Lancashire. For Funeral arrangements and further enquiries please contact Anabel Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton,L39 5DZ. Tele | 01695 424888.

BEDFORD JUNE

Peacefully on 10th February 2020, aged 85 years

Much loved Wife of the late Rev Colin Bedford and Mum of Rachel, David, Peter and the late Judy and Grandma, Granny, Gran and Nanna to all her Grandchildren and Great Grandson. June will be sadly missed by all her friends and family. A Service of Thanksgiving for June's life will take place at Christ Church, Lord Street, Southport on Friday 28th February 2020 at 2.45pm. Family flowers only by request but donations are being gratefully received by the family for Macmillan Cancer Support and Cancer Research UK Further enquiries please to Moisters Funeralcare, 25a Sefton Street, Southport PR8 6SG. Telephone number 01704 501501.

DEATHS

REDFERN WILLIAM GEORGE HENRY (BILL)

8th February 2020

Passed away peacefully aged 92 years

Devoted Husband to Beryl. Loving Dad to June, Alan (deceased), Son-in-law David. Loving Grandad to his Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. Will be sadly missed by all his family, friends and all that knew him. Funeral Service and Committal at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 26th February 2020 at 2.40pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to British Heart Foundation c/o Coyne Bros 3 Old Mill Lane, Formby, L37 3PE. Tel. 01704 873899

GREENWOOD JAMES EDWIN (JIM)

Peacefully in hospital on 9th February 2020, aged 91 years

A much loved husband of Margaret. Jim will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Funeral Service will take place at Emmanuel Church, Southport on Tuesday 25th February 2020 at 1.45pm followed by a Committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations are being gratefully received by the family for Woodlands Animal Sanctuary. Further enquiries to Moisters Funeralcare, 25a Sefton Street, Southport PR8 6SG Telephone 01704501501

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DEATHS

COYLE JOHN

On 13th February 2020
Aged 96

Passed away peacefully after a short illness - reunited with his beloved wife Maureen.
Much loved Father to Ann and Tony, Grandpa to Ben and Ella, Father-in-law to Karen and Bill.
Will be greatly missed by all his family, friends and fellow golfers at Hillside Golf Club.
The funeral service will take place on Monday 24th February at 12 noon at Our Lady Of Lourdes Church, Waterloo Road, Southport, PR8 3DA.
Followed by the interment at Liverpool Road Cemetery.
Donations if so desired to Cancer Research.
Donations and further enquires please to M.Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG,
Tel: 01704 214118

ERNEST BALL

(Ernie)
9th February 2020
Peacefully with family
Aged 88 Years

Beloved Husband of Marje, loving Father to Malcolm and Colin, Father-in-Law to Anna, Grandad to Louise, Colin, John and Louise. Great Grandad to Lauren, Jake, Max and Hollie. Great Great Grandad to Aliza. Ernie will be greatly missed by family and friends. We say our goodbyes in 'cheerful clothing, no tears, only tears of thanks to God'
Funeral service will be held on Wednesday 26th February at St Paul's Church Skelmersdale at 1.15pm, followed by St Helens Crematorium at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Queenscourt Hospice.
All enquiries to Margaret Whitlam, Skelmersdale Funeral Services, 29-31 Sandy Lane, Skelmersdale.
Tel: 01695 559868

MULVILLE GERARD (GED)

8th February 2020
aged 55 years
Passed away in hospital surrounded by his family and friends

Treasured Dad of Cheryl & Jay and Ryan & Chelsea.
Doting Grandad of Vincent, devoted Son of Flo and Gerard, loving Brother of Sharon and Brother in law of Graham and Special Uncle to Stacey.
Thanks to staff of Aintree Hospital critical care.
Funeral service at St Mary's RC Church, Skelmersdale on Tuesday 25th February 2020 at 12 noon followed by cremation at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough at 1:00pm.
Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Skem Men-Aces disabled football team.
All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors
Tel: 01695 722122/720012

YATES TOM

Peacefully on
11th February 2020
after receiving such good care and support over the last 4 years at Sutton Grange Care Home, Banks
Aged 94 years

Dearly beloved husband of the late Pat Yates.
Much loved Dad of Angela and Gill, and devoted grandad and great grandad.
Formerly of Yates' Grocers, Guildford Road, Birkdale and Workshop Technician at Southport College.
Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends and all who knew him.
Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 28th February 2020 at 12 noon.
No flowers please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for The Salvation Army.
Further enquiries please to Moister's Funeral Directors, 25a Sefton Street, Southport, PR8 6SG
Tel: 01704 501501.

BAKER BETTY

February 8th 2020
Peacefully in hospital
aged 97 years with her family by her side.

Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral service at St James Church, Green Park, Maghull on Friday February 21st 2020 at 10:45am followed by cremation at Thornton Crematorium.

Family flowers only please but donations, if desired for The Salvation Army.
All further enquiries c/o Graham J Clegg Funeral Services, 7 Dover Road, Maghull. L31 5JB
Tel 0151 520 3330.

SIMPKIN DAVID

Passed away suddenly
17th January 2020
Aged 60 years

Dearly loved Son of the late Jimmy and Nellie. Beloved Brother to Gordon, Graham, Terry, Eric,Glenys and Carl. Loving Brother-in-Law and Uncle.
David will be sadly missed by all.
Funeral service was held at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Monday 17th February at 3pm.
All enquiries to W Banks of Orrell Funeral Directors.
01695 768949

IN MEMORIAM

Johnson Edward (Eddie)

15th February 2011

I miss talking to you,
I miss the laughter,
I miss our trips out,
I miss my Dad.

But Dad,
As long as I have memories,
As long as I have tears,
You'll never be forgotten,
Not in a million years

Loving daughter
San and Alec
x x

Johnson Edward (Eddie)

15th February 2011

We miss you Grandad
in so many ways,
We miss the things
you used to say,
and when old times we do recall,
It's then we miss you most of all.

Grandson Phil, Kelly and
Great Grandson Daniel
xxx

Johnson Edward (Eddie)

15th February 2011

To hear your voice and
see you smile,
to sit with you and chat a while,
That is what we wish today,
Dad in our hearts
you will always stay.

Miss and love you always
Gary, Angela, Abbie & Chloe
xxxx

Johnson Edward (Eddie)

15th February 2011

We miss his smile,
his kindly ways,
With him we spent
such happy days,
We miss him when
we need a friend,
on him we always could depend

Granddaughter Alison and
Great Granddaughter Aimeé x x

To place a family announcement please call 01704 392392

DEATHS

ROGERS RICHARD MICHAEL GRAHAM "MIKE"

Passed away on the 8th February 2020.
Aged 76 years

Husband of the late Joyce Rogers and Father to Lisa and Daniel.
Funeral Service at Tarleton Holy Trinity Parish Church, Tarleton on Wednesday 26th February at 11.30am, followed by interment at St Mary's graveyard Tarleton.
Family flowers only please. Donations if so desired to British Heart Foundation c/o the funeral director.
Further enquiries to: Neal Buckley Funeral Home, 49 Church Road, Tarleton, Lancashire, PR4 6UQ
Tel: 01772 301700

THORNE GORDON HAMILTON

1st February 2020
Passed away peacefully in Arranmore Park Rest Home
aged 94 years

Dearly loved Husband of the late Marjorie.
Much loved Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad.
Funeral Service at West Lancs Crematorium will be held today, Wednesday 19th February 2020 at 1.00pm. Family flowers only please by request but donations are being gratefully received for R.N.L.I.

Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton Lancashire
Tel: 01695 424888

OWEN FLORENCE

Passed away peacefully at home aged 95 years

Much loved Mum, Nan, Great Nan and Sister.
Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church Bickerstaffe, on Monday 24th February 2020 at 3.00pm. Followed by Committal at West Lancs Crematorium.
Family flowers only please by request but donations are being gratefully received for Holy Trinity Church and The Alzheimer's Society,
Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton Lancashire
Tel: 01695 424888.

PITMAN MATTHEW JOHN (MATTY)

20th January 2020
Aged 42 years

Passed away unexpectedly.
Much loved son of Dave and Yvonne, brother to Doug and uncle to Leo. He is at peace and pain free now. Many will miss him and his acts of kindness and thoughtfulness.
Committal took place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 14th February.
Donations are being collected for Margaret Roper House.
Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport. PR9 9DR.
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Plus 15 other winners of £10 each

WOODLANDS LOTTERY DRAW

DRAW DATE: Friday 14th February 2020

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2nd Prize	£100	9000115	Ms H Ellingham
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4th Prize	£50	003121	Mr D Hardwick

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APPLICATION FOR REVIEW OF PREMISES LICENCE
THE QUEENS HEAD, 30 MOOR STREET, ORMSKIRK, L39 2AQ

The grounds for review are as follows:
This application for review is submitted by Lancashire Constabulary on the grounds that the Licensing Objectives concerning the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, the Prevention of Public Nuisance and the Protection of Children from Harm have not been promoted at these premises and that despite ample and timely warnings and advice provided by the Police, the premises continues to operate so as to impact adversely on all four Licensing Objectives.

The application may be inspected at the address given below between the hours of 9:00am and 4:30pm on Monday to Friday inclusive. Brief details can also be obtained from the Councils website www.westlancs.gov.uk.

Any representations regarding this Review application must be submitted in writing to the Council at the address given below before the 16 March 2020

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with the application subject to a maximum, fine of £5000 upon summary conviction for the offence.

Dated: 17 February 2020

**H McDougall West Lancashire Borough Council,
Licensing Service, Robert Hodge Centre,
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Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Leah Mc Connel trading as Baguley's Logistics of 170 Willow Hey Skelmersdale WN8 8NY is applying for a licence to use Buffaload, East Gillibrands Industrial Estate, Gillibrands Road, Skelmersdale WN8 9TA as an operating centre for 10 goods vehicle and 10 trailers.
Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

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**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(CRABTREE LANE, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020
(TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) ORDER 2020**

The Lancashire County Council ("the County Council") in exercise of its powers under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, (the Act), and of all other enabling powers, HEREBY makes the following Order:-

The Lancashire County Council (Crabtree Lane, Burscough, West Lancashire Borough)(Temporary Prohibition Of Through Traffic) Order 2020, is hereby temporarily Amended in that:

i. To amend Article 3 as follows:

The prohibition will be operative from 0000 hours on Sunday 9th February 2020 until 2359 hours on Friday 20th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.

This Temporary Amendment Order shall come into operation on Friday 14th February 2020 and may be cited as **"The Lancashire County Council (Crabtree Lane, Burscough, West Lancashire Borough) (Temporary Prohibition Of Through Traffic) Order 2020 (Temporary Amendment) Order 2020"**

Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/22422/EW/1]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(SMITHY WALK, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Smithy Walk, Burscough from Stanley Court, Burscough for a distance of 36m in a Westerly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours on Monday 9th March 2020 until 1500 hours on Tuesday 10th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Smithy Walk, Burscough – Lord Street, Burscough – Stanley Court, Burscough and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out by Lancashire County Council.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/20174/EW]

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**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U991 SANDY LANE, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U991 Sandy Lane, Lathom from U905 Dark Lane, Ormskirk to U990 Lathom Lane, Ormskirk.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0700 hours until 1600 hours on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- U905 Dark Lane, Ormskirk – U990 Lathom Lane, Ormskirk and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow vegetation management works around the overhead network to be carried out by Electricity North West.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/21326/EW]

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**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BOUNDARY MEANYGATE, HESKETH BANK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over the following lengths of highway in the West Lancashire Borough:-
i. Boundary Meanygate, Hesketh Bank from Dandys Meangate, Tarleton to the eastern side of its junction with Taylors Meanygate, Hesketh Bank
ii. Boundary Meanygate, Hesketh Bank from the western side of its junction with Taylors Meanygate, Hesketh Bank to Boundary Lane, Hundred End
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 24th February 2020 until 1700 hours on Sunday 1st March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Boundary Lane, Hundred End – Taylors Meanygate, Hesketh Bank – Middle Meanygate, Tarleton – Dandys Meanygate, Tarleton and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the installation of a joint cable to be carried out by Network Plus on behalf of Electricity North West.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/22155/EW]

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**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(DERBY STREET, WEST OF STANLEY STREET, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Derby Street, West of Stanley Street from Norfield, Ormskirk to Abbotsford, Ormskirk.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours until 1530 hours on Monday 24th February 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative routes for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-

Anti-Clockwise Diversion
Derby Street, West of Stanley Street – Wigan Road, Ormskirk – Tower Hill, Ormskirk – Greetby Hill, Ormskirk – Derby Street, West of Stanley Street

Street Clockwise Diversion
Derby Street, West of Stanley Street – Greetby Hill, Ormskirk – Tower Hill, Ormskirk – Wigan Road, Ormskirk – Moor Street, Ormskirk – St Helens Road, North of Park Road – Park Road, Ormskirk

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the replacement of a manhole frame and cover to be undertaken by Amey on behalf of United Utilities.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/22154/EW]

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**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BOUNDARY MEANYGATE, HESKETH BANK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over the following lengths of highway in the West Lancashire Borough:-
a. Boundary Meanygate, Hesketh Bank from Dandys Meangate, Tarleton to the eastern side of its junction with Taylors Meanygate, Hesketh Bank
b. Boundary Meanygate, Hesketh Bank from the western side of its junction with Taylors Meanygate, Hesketh Bank to Boundary Lane, Hundred End
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 24th February 2020 until 1700 hours on Sunday 1st March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Boundary Lane, Hundred End – Taylors Meanygate, Hesketh Bank – Middle Meanygate, Tarleton – Dandys Meanygate, Tarleton and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the installation of a joint cable to be carried out by Network Plus on behalf of Electricity North West.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/22155/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(DERBY STREET, WEST OF STANLEY STREET, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Derby Street, West of Stanley Street from Norfield, Ormskirk to Abbotsford, Ormskirk.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours until 1530 hours on Monday 24th February 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative routes for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-

Anti-Clockwise Diversion
Derby Street, West of Stanley Street – Wigan Road, Ormskirk – Tower Hill, Ormskirk – Greetby Hill, Ormskirk – Derby Street, West of Stanley Street

Clockwise Diversion
Derby Street, West of Stanley Street – Greetby Hill, Ormskirk – Tower Hill, Ormskirk – Wigan Road, Ormskirk – Moor Street, Ormskirk – St Helens Road, North of Park Road – Park Road, Ormskirk

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the replacement of a manhole frame and cover to be undertaken by Amey on behalf of United Utilities.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/22154/EW]

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15
APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2020/0101/FUL Single storey attached garage at 175 Bold Lane, Aughton.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2020/0116/FUL Erection of a replacement garage following the demolition of the existing garage and outbuilding, along with improvements to the site access, new gates and a splayed boundary wall entrance at The Old Vicarage, 1 Lord Sefton Way, Great Altcar.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2020/0120/LBC Listed Building Consent - Re-roofing of an existing outbuilding at Ivy Cottage Farm, Back Lane, Newburgh.
The application affects a Listed Building.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development, Heritage & Environment Manager, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days* of the date of this notice quoting the application number.
*17 days in the case of applications for Permission in Principle.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
If an appeal is made against a decision to refuse to grant planning permission, and that appeal proceeds under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

How information about you will be used
Personal data provided by you will be used as part of the Council's statutory planning duties. Some of this information, including your name and address, will be published. Further information about this is available online at www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning and hard copies are available on request.

Heidi McDougall BSc (Hons), MBA Dated: 19th February 2020
Corporate Director of Place & Community PDNOT1079

**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U481 BOUNDARY LANE, HUNDRED END, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U481 Boundary Lane, Hundred End from U1185 Boundary Meanygate, Hesketh Bank to U1270 Rydings Lane, Banks.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 2nd March 2020 until 1700 hours on Friday 6th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- U1270 Rydings Lane, Banks – C142 Marsh Road, Banks – C144 Hundred End Lane, Hesketh Bank – U481 Boundary Lane, Hundred End and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the installation of joint bays and energise the cables to be carried out by Network Plus on behalf of Electricity North West.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/22333/EW]

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**LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(ORMSKIRK ROAD, DIGMOOR, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Ormskirk Road, Skelmersdale from Tanhouse Road, Skelmersdale for a distance of 35m in a North Westerly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours on Tuesday 10th March 2020 until 1500 hours on Monday 16th March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Tanhouse Road, Skelmersdale – Ormskirk Road, Skelmersdale and Vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out by Lancashire County Council.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/20172/EW]

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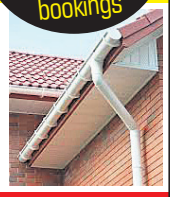

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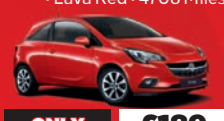

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NORMALLY, it's not a good thing if a vehicle is so routinely monotonous that it sends you to sleep – but Nissan's latest LEAF is actively encouraging it.

Parents – this one's for you, particularly if you've ever resorted to strapping a young child into a Government-approved safety seat, gently clicked the driver's door shut behind you (no slamming, unless you want to make things worse), and gone on what the chaps at the Japanese carmaker call 'dream driving'.

Nope, it's not the sort of dream drive I'd have in mind – that involves a Ferrari F8 Tributo, a deserted Alpine switchback and a mountain-top restaurant at the other end – but those drives you do for no other reason than to lull a baby or toddler to sleep.

You see, we all thought that it was the motion of being in a car that proved so relaxing but, according to Nissan's scientists, it's the rhythmic patter of the internal combustion engine that does the trick.

All of which proves a bit tricky if you're an up 'n' coming parent doing the upbringing in a world that's fast developing an electric car addiction.

Skoda, which has just launched a new all-electric car named after Enya (no, *really*), reckons a quarter of the cars it sells will be all-electric in just four years' time – quite a jump when you consider that at the moment these zero-emissions offerings account for a rather more pitiful three per cent of the UK new car market. Vauxhall is launching its new Corsa in electric guise first, to get us all used to the idea, and Kia's about to launch its new Sorrento in Greenpeace-friendly form. Even Maserati's getting in on the act; where the old Granturismo had a Ferrari-derived V8, apparently the new one will be a sort of tarmac-ripping Italian answer to Tesla.

All very promising – but not exactly helpful if you're trying to nudge your little one into nodding off.

So what Nissan's done is teamed up with some sleep coaches – now that's a job that'll leave you yawning – and come up with a clever system that'll essentially play some automotive lullabies instead.

Sounds, it reckons, that'll mimic the repetitive tones of a quiet petrol engine, but without upsetting the climate change lobby. So, everybody wins.

Obviously, this is a very clever idea and one that'll win it loads of new mates on Mumsnet – but I reckon it can go even further.

If Nissan makes equally rapid progress with nailing autonomous driving than I'd definitely be up for the idea of a grown-up version that plays BBC Radio 4's *Shipping Forecast* on a loop; the car would be doing all the hard work while I'm drifting off, listening to how there are warnings of gales in Forties and Cromarty and how the general synopsis is good, occasionally poor. I'd much prefer that to having to tackle the M58 at 3am.

Better still, I can see Skoda being able to nick the idea for an equally effective idea that ties in brilliantly with its latest model – an all-electric SUV that plays Enya's *Only Time* on repeat, ad nauseum, every time you set off on a night drive.

Forget lullabies – I reckon Nissan's about to put Caledonian Sleeper out of business.

Chaps, come up with a hot chocolate maker in the centre console and a compartment to store my pyjamas, and I reckon you've cracked it!

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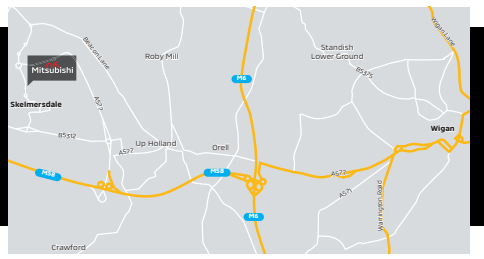

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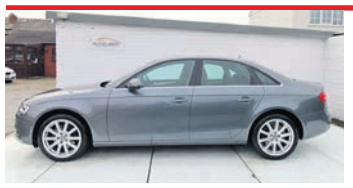

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Burscough CC officials say the club set-up is healthy.

Burscough CC confident of bright future in new league

BURSCOUGH CC have confirmed that they will be playing in the Southport Cricket League next season but look on the decision as part of fresh rebuilding plans.

The School Lane outfit, which has been part and parcel of the West Lancashire sporting scene under different guises for more than 100 years, feel the move will be to the long-term benefit of the club who finished near the foot of the Liverpool Competition second division in 2019 after a constant struggle to keep their heads above water due to players not being available on a regular basis.

Cricket section chairman Alan Murray said: "We are facing the prospect of losing one or two quality players who, quite naturally, want to continue competing at their current level and will go with our blessing.

"There are also others who haven't yet confirmed whether they will be staying or seeking pastures new but will always be welcomed back if they find the grass isn't greener on the other side of the hill."

Club chairman Kenny Hughes added: "We are not the only cricket club suffering from these kind of problems but I'm confident that we can turn the corner sooner rather than later and already possess some up and coming youngsters in our ranks."

Trustee John Yates - a member of the club since the mid-1950s - added: "It's not the first time we have found ourselves in this position but by hard work and dedication we have survived the ordeal.

"In the early 1970s, we only had one team - and even found it difficult raising 11 players without having to drag a couple of bodies from a nearby pub to make up our numbers!

"Since then we have moved to a new ground, built a first class pavilion and achieved Club Mark status - the universally acknowledged cross sport accreditation scheme for community clubs leading to higher standards of welfare, equity, coaching and management.

"Admittedly, we have now suffered a blip but I believe will be back stronger than ever in the not too distant future.

"Burscough is a vastly-growing area with homes springing up everywhere - and cricketers of all age groups are possibly already on our doorstep."

Anyone wishing to join the club is asked to contact club chairman Kenny Hughes (kandphughes@btinternet.com), secretary Diane Bradley-Jones (di.bradleyjones@btinternet,com), or cricket section chairman Alan Murray (A cmurray77sq@ao

Net practice starts this Sunday at St Bede's School, Ormskirk(8pm to 9pm

Skem's away woes continue with loss at in-form Rylands

Rylands 2
Skelmersdale United 0

SKELMERSDALE United lost their second match against Rylands in the space of a fortnight after a battling performance in Storm Dennis, *writes Simon Driscoll.*

With many matches postponed last Saturday, Skem's fixture went ahead despite the wet and windy conditions.

The two sides had only at the start of February when they played out a five goal thriller, which Rylands also won.

Two changes for United from last week's game against Irlam saw Paul McNally promote Khalil Osi-Efa and Gabriel Ellis to the starting line-up.

The hosts had to early chances in a matter of seconds with Ben Barnes denying both Elliot Morris and Lewis Buckley from point-blank range.

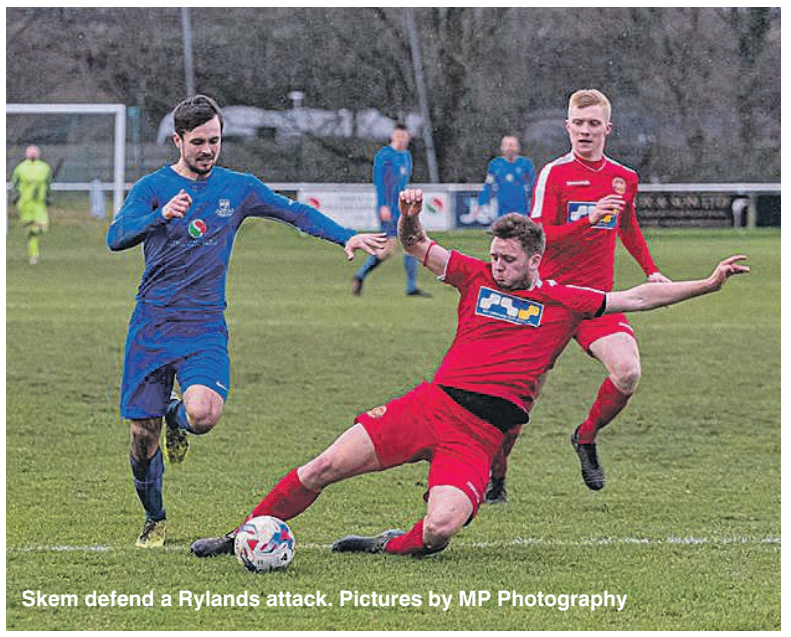
United's first chance of the afternoon came after a mazy run from Tom Croughan saw him unleash a shot from distance which crept past the far post and minutes later, Emini Adegbenro forced a low save from Michael Emery after collecting a through pass.

At the other end, Buckley's through pass picked out Kane Drummond who's hit across goal needed just a touch with Barnes beaten but with no takers and United cleared the danger.

United tried their luck again with a wind assisted cross from Callum Preston forcing a fumbled save from Emery leading to a corner which saw Rylands counter with Morris who forced a stop from Barnes.

In the 21st minute, Rylands broke the deadlock, Stuart Crilly's shot drawing a block from Ben Stanton with the ball cannoning into the path of Andy Scarisbrick who slotted past Barnes'

The hosts pushed to extend their lead and after collecting a Buckley flick-on, Drummond forced a low save from Barnes with a powerful effort. Scarisbrick came close to doubling his and



Skem defend a Rylands attack. Pictures by MP Photography

Rylands' tally as he sent a shot achingly past the post from range.

United came close to levelling twice as Preston's teasing cross narrowly avoided the diving head of Richard Brodie with the goal in sight before a curling effort from Adegbenro forced Emery to tip over the bar at full stretch.

Gabriel Ellis forced a low stop from Emery with a powerful effort and at the other end, a shot from Morris looked to be creeping in if not for a superb fingertip stop from Barnes.

As the second half began, both sides had chances with Khalil Osi-Efa hitting past the goal from distance before substitute Jamie White went close.

A great chance for United to level saw Richard Brodie collecting substitute Luke Holden-Moakes' through ball, advancing on goal and drawing a stop from Emery who was relieved the ball hadn't been squared to Adegbenro for a potential tap-in.

The hosts' best chances of the second half camefrom a Buckley through pass as he found the run of Drummond who broke through the defence and curled the ball past Barnes but also just inches past the far post and then Scarisbrick's rifled effort which cannoned back off the inside of the post.

As the conditions worsened, Rylands threat continued with White's low drive needing a touch from fellow substitute Tom McNamara just inches from the line but the pace of the pass evaded him.

The hosts confirmed the win with five minutes left, White finding the path of Drummond who evaded several challenges including the onrushing Barnes to slot into the empty net for 2-0.

The final whistle minutes later ensured the hosts extended their winning run while for United, their mixed away form continued.

Linnets face tough trip to face league leaders

BURSCOUGH face a daunting trip to runaway league leaders 1874 Northwich this Saturday as they continue their bid to avoid relegation.

The Linnets are without a midweek game this week, so they will head down the M6 to play 1874 Northwich well prepared.

Burscough are an improved side of recent weeks and look a lot more solid in defence than they did earlier in the season when they lost 2-0 at home to Northwich in November.

It is important that Linnets supporters note that 1874 Northwich play at Barnton's ground on the outskirts of Northwich.

Burscough are four points clear of the drop zone, with Hanley Town and bottom-placed Litherland Remyca the only two teams below them in the league with one team to be relegated at the end of the season.

Meanwhile, Skelmersdale go to Shropshire where they will take on Whitchurch Alport in a game that has already been postponed twice, while Burscough face their toughest game of the season with an away trip to runaway league leaders 1874 Northwich. Saturday will be Skelmersdale's first ever visit to Whitchurch Alport and may be their last.

Due to the FA's reorganisation of the league, Whitchurch are likely to be moved from the North West Counties League to a midland based league for next season.

Whitchurch visited Skelmersdale in August and returned home 3-2 winners and the result left them in the promotion places, but since then they have failed to maintain that form and are currently ninth in the table on 37 points from 26 league games.

Whitchurch's form has improved recently but not spectacularly. Since then Skem have grown stronger and as a result the squad should travel with hopes of getting something from the game.

Skelmersdale will have played last night (Tuesday, February 18) away at Bootle in the Liverpool Senior Cup quarter-final.

Skelmersdale are away at Barnoldswick Town on Tuesday, February 25, but it would be wise to check up on that one before travelling as the East Lancashire based clubs ground is known to suffer with postponements because of a wet pitch.

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